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THURSDAY, JULY 24, 1862.

Gen. Halleck has been selected for the important position of General-in-Chief, and it is gratifying to know that his appointment has the cordial approval of the other Major-Generals in the army. President Lincoln doubtless went to the James river to examine Gen. McClellan on the subject, and after an interview with Gen. Pope he sent Governor Sprague, of Rhode Island, to Corinth, and this visit was followed by Halleck's farewell address to his division. Let us now give the new Generalissimo all the requisite men and means, and we will soon quell the rebellion, and restore peace to our distracted country.

THE CAMPAIGN.—It seems to be a pretty well established fact that Beauregard, with a very considerable portion of his Corinth army, had migrated to Richmond in time to give, in connection with Jackson, an overwhelming preponderance of force to the Confederates in the recent campaign. The inquiry forces itself, therefore, upon the consideration of the contrary. How comes it that the rebels so suddenly conceded, while the armies that had confronted them remained scattered and entirely unavailable for the great exigency? This will involve a calm and comprehensive survey of the disposition of our entire military forces throughout all the departments at the time the Confederate concentration began. We shall by this survey more clearly to understand how this most unexpected concentration was so completely effected.

The United States army of the Potomac had been divided into three commands, the principal of which had been assigned to General McClellan, and consisted of 120,000 to 150,000 men. McDowell, with 50,000 men, or less, had been detached from McClellan's command to advance toward Richmond by the Rappahannock, and at the same time opposed the advance of any force the enemy might, by his railway facilities, suddenly throw forward from Richmond; while most of Banks' command in the Shenandoah had been transferred to strengthen McDowell, giving the latter, in round terms, 75,000 effective men, and leaving Banks with a few fragmentary regiments, amounting, all told, to less than 5,000. Stonewall Jackson watched his opportunity. McDowell, a patriotic, but far too easy-tempered, General, slept upon the Rappahannock, as the post—not the General—Halleck says:

"At midnight in his guarded tent."

Stonewall Jackson pounced. Banks escaped. Washington suddenly opened its eyes and ordered over Fremont from Franklin. Jackson knew it, and counseled him for his life. Fremont was soon in the Shenandoah. Where was McDowell? Still sleeping on the Rappahannock, dreaming of an imaginary front in front, or about to be there, and only sending Shields to intercept the headlong retreat of a desperate army of 25,000 men. That division, it is evident, was regarded by the authority ordering its movement of itself sufficient to check and defeat Jackson. The part of it that reached the train for West Point. A visit to General Scott is announced. The President's mind is evidently disturbed, at least perplexed. An ominous silence ensues, with dark hints and apprehensions concerning the army of the Potomac. At length, the silence is broken with the thundering reverberations of an almost continuous battle of six days. McClellan finds that Beauregard, Jackson, Lee, Johnson, Magruder—all have been actually concentrated against him, and sees that to wait in the White Oak swamps is to be overwhelmed and annihilated. He moves at once. So does the enemy—hearing down, in one compact mass, numbering, as all men see from the combinations they had made, not one man less than 220,000. Then came the six most desperate and bloody days that ever dawned upon the New World. We now know, with approximate definiteness, the result; that these consecutive slaughters, gains and losses, do not sufficiently avenge the beam to enable us to determine with certainty the preponderance either, and that by dint of masterly generalship, and by the general Spartan bravery of the whole army, it was triumphantly extricated and established where it now is, and annihilated. It moves at once. 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